

CUPE National establishes new Transportation Sector

At its meeting on December 16, 2015, CUPE's National Executive Board passed a resolution to establish a new Transportation Sector that includes CUPE members working in airlines, airports, ferries, port authorities, rail, roads and transit industries across Canada. This is exciting news for CUPE members working in the transportation industry. A formal sector for transportation will better align the sector councils while recognizing and identifying the needs of CUPE members. With their own sector, transportation workers who have many shared issues and concerns will be brought together to collectively discuss, coordinate, and strategically plan while attending upcoming and future National Sector conferences.



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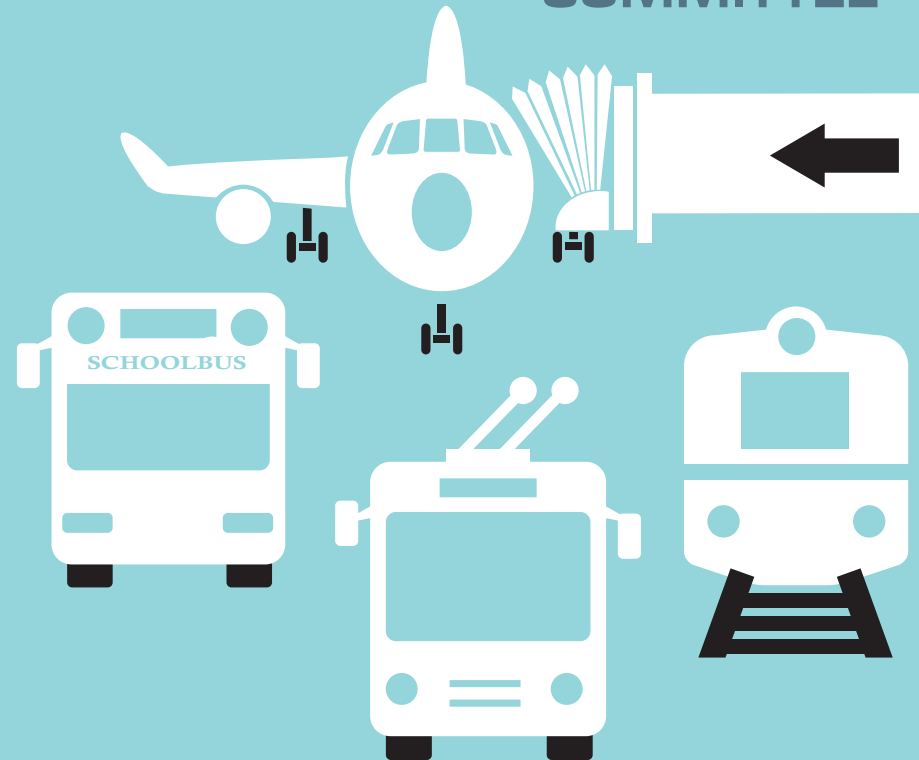
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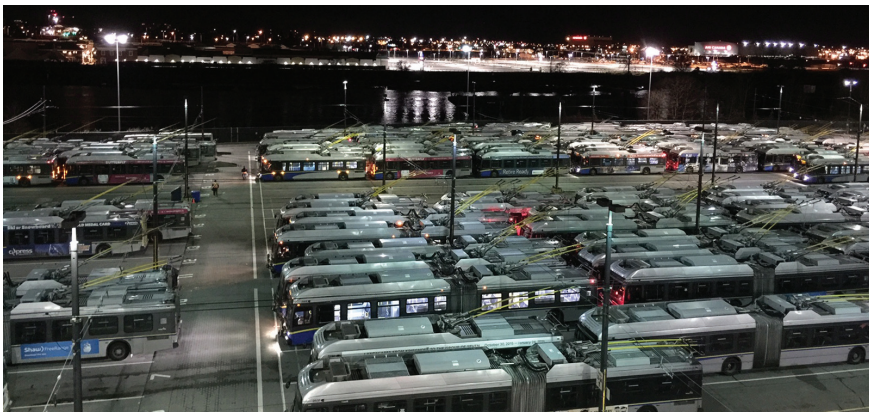
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



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Did you know?

- ▶ We work on aircraft, SkyTrain, heavy rail, Southern Rail, school buses, public transit and public works. There are 1,000 of us working in municipal, K-12, airline and library sectors.
- ▶ School bus STOP signs mean STOP! Failure to do so brings a \$167 fine. We are lobbying to increase that fine in order to protect our children and bus drivers.
- ▶ Bus drivers are professionals who transport your precious cargo. Do your children know the importance of respectful conduct when travelling on the bus?
- ▶ Recent federal legislation cut the required number of flight attendants on Canadian aircraft. This poses a serious safety risk to all passengers and crew. We are now working to have this dangerous legislation reversed.
- ▶ CUPE members are responsible for safely operating and maintaining the largest automated train system in the world (SkyTrain Expo and Millennium lines).
- ▶ If you drive an imported vehicle, chances are that a CUPE member helped get it to you.



A little history...

Following the demise of the Independent Canadian Transit Union in February 2000, there were several work sites under the auspices of BC Transit whose workers were looking for a union home other than the Canadian Auto Workers. CUPE was able to organize several of those properties, as well as Nanaimo school buses. At the same time, school bus maintenance was being contracted out to private repair facilities.



The issue of safety was soon brought to the floor, as maintenance used to be done in-house. Out of that came more discussion on transportation issues: the lack of skilled trades doing maintenance (work on school buses had to be done by heavy-duty mechanics with Commercial Transport accreditation), and the privatization of northern school bus service areas and community bus operations, for example. CUPE BC's Transportation Committee arose from union activism around these issues.

Shortly after the new CUPE 7000 SkyTrain local became an affiliate in 1999, CUPE BC's Agencies and Boards committee added Transportation to its mandate. CUPE 7000 became the model because of the Local's inclusion of skilled trades and its ability to contract in certain work. The Transportation, Agencies and Boards committee's first report to CUPE BC Convention was in 2002. The committee dropped agencies and boards from its mandate shortly afterward.